**United States Department of the Interior Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service** 

## **National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form**

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#### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Centreville Armory is located on the southwestern edge of Centreville in a pleasant residential area. The building is a two story brick structure, executed in Flemish bond, which rests on a full basement. Attached to the rear of this two story main block is a narrower one story drill hall. A modern one story brick garage has been added at the rear of the drill hall.

The front (Commerce Street) facade, oriented to the east, is composed of two-bay side sections which flank a central entrance bay, itself marked by two-story towers.

The side sections are identical, each having two 6/6 sash windows at basement 'level, two 4/5 casement windows under 4/pane horizontal strips at first floor level which are set into the stone water table crossing the entire front facade, and two 2/4 casement windows at second floor level under 4-pane horizontal strips, with stone sills. All the windows of the side sections are topped by flat brick arches. A band of stone molding crosses the facade above the second floor windows, and four crenelles with stone caps crown each side section. Stone capped buttresses with stone trimmed set-backs corresponding to the stone water table, a line between the first and second floor windows and the base of the top stone molding bracket the ends of the side sections.

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Centreville Armory

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At the rear of the drill hall is a one-story brick garage.

#### 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

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Tompkins, Raymond S. <u>Maryland Fights in the Great War</u>. Baltimore, Thomas & Evans Printing Company, 1919.

Emory, Frederic. Queen Anne's County, Md.: Its Early History and Development, Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1950.

Interview with Mr. Charles Anthony, Centreville citizen and historian.

#### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

<u>Verbal Boundary Description</u>: In the Town of Centreville in Queen Anne's County, State of Maryland on Commerce Street:

BEGINNING at a stone on the southwestern side of a large post of the dividing line between the Price lot and the M.E. Parsonage (colored) lot and running north thirty eight degrees fifty five minutes west, one hundred and sixty four feet and three inches to the middle of the concrete block planted in the ground near the edge of the stable of Thomas R.L. Price; thence north fifty one degrees and five minutes east, sixty eight feet and six inches to the northernmost corner of a concrete block along the Rolph line; thence with Rolph south fifty degrees fifteen minutes east ninety-six feet and ten inches; thence north forty degrees and thirty minutes east, twenty one feet and nine inches; thence south forty three degrees and fifteen minutes east, sixty one feet and one inch to the eastern corner of a concrete post along main street; thence south forty four degrees and twenty six minutes west, one hundred and fourteen feet and ten inches to the place of beginning, containing .3786 acres of land ...

Boundary Justification: The nominated property comprises the total parcel historically associated with the resource.

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Specific dates	1926	Builder/Architect	unknown	
Statement of S	ignificance (in one paragr	• •	le Criteria: A, C Exceptions: none	

Significance Evaluated:

The Centreville, Maryland Armory is primarily significant for its association with the reorganization and expansion of the National Guard system in the twentieth century. It derives additional significance from its role as a social center for its community, a function it has served continuously since its construction date. Architecturally, the building embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, including a T shaped plan with a two-story front "head house" section and a one-story perpendicular "drill hall' extending to the rear; its facade is detailed to recall Medieval fortifications, with towers flanking the central entrance, crenellated parapets, and strip buttresses.

The Centreville Armory was built in 1926 for Company K, First Maryland Regiment of the 29th Division of the Maryland National Guard. As part of the 29th Division Company K shares in the honors bestowed upon the group at the close of World War II, among them distinguished unit citations and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

The building was to cost \$50,000 as originally contracted. A Queenstown Maryland citizen, Mr. DeCoursey W. Thom, contributed an additional \$5,000 to provide for a stage and anterooms for the auditorium. Over the years the armory has been the scene of dances and activities sponsored by the alumni association of Centreville High School, Centreville Fire Department's annual polka show, auto shows and boy scout activities.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

See Continuation Sheet No. 1

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The Centreville Armory is a two-story structure with full basement constructed of brick, executed in Flemish bond, emulating a medieval fortification. The Armory is located near the town center in a pleasant residential neighborhood.

The Armory has been the scene of many community recreational and seasonal activities. When erected in 1926 a local citizen contributed an additional \$5,000 to build a stage and antercoms for the auditorium. The Armory has been vacated by the Maryland National Guard and is currently under contract to a local private purchaser.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Buttresses bracket the sides of the center block with stone trim as noted for the front facade.

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SPECIFIC DATES 1926

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT** 

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Local informants indicate that the building is under contract to a Centreville citizen who may be planning to utilize the building for a

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#### 8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

printing business. County land records indicate the deed is still in the possession of the State of Maryland.

RECOMMENDATION: Solid residential development on all four sides of the armory lot make further military or light industrial use of the building unsuitable. The facility would be best utilized as public meeting space or recreation hall or any other use compatible with the needs and wishes of the immediately surrounding community.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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See Continuation sheet #2	
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Susanne Moore, Historic Sites S	Surveyor
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	July 1980
STREET & NUMBER 21 State Circle/Shaw House	TELEPHONE 269-2438
Annapolis,	STATE Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

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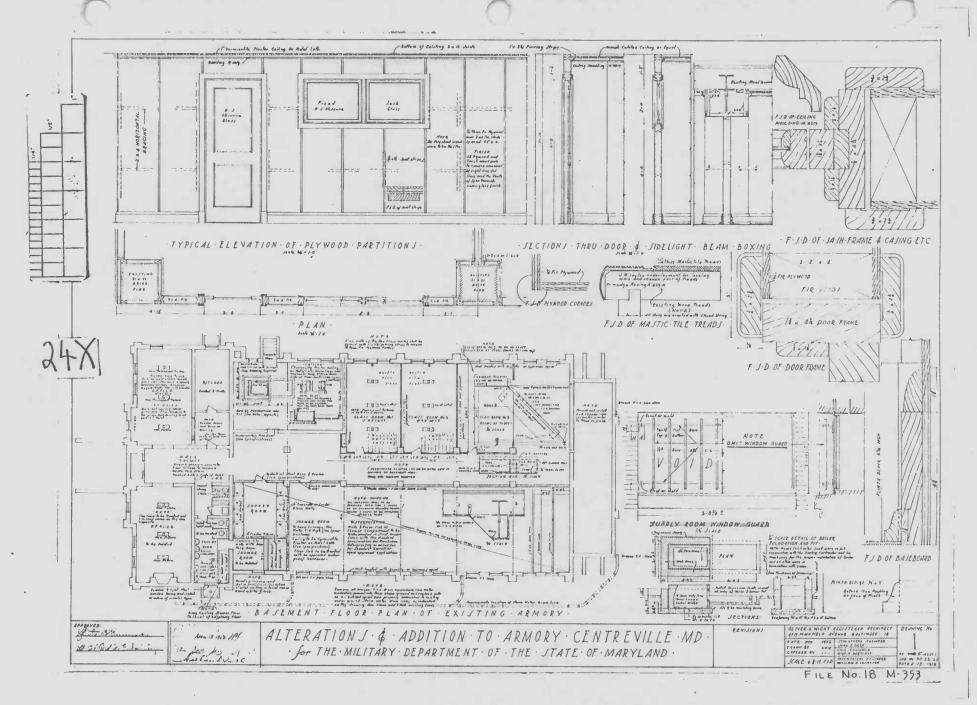
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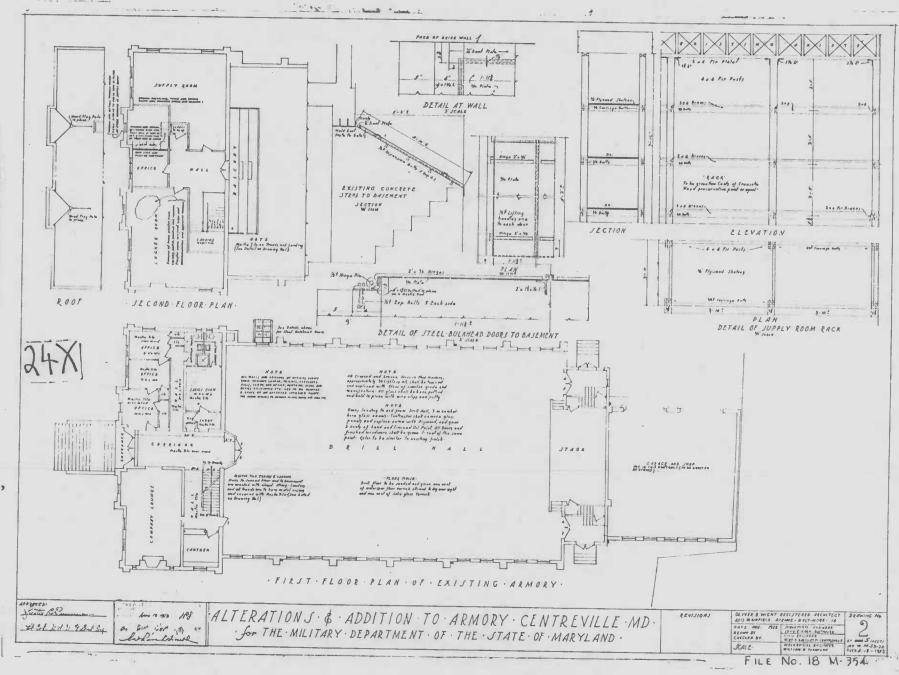
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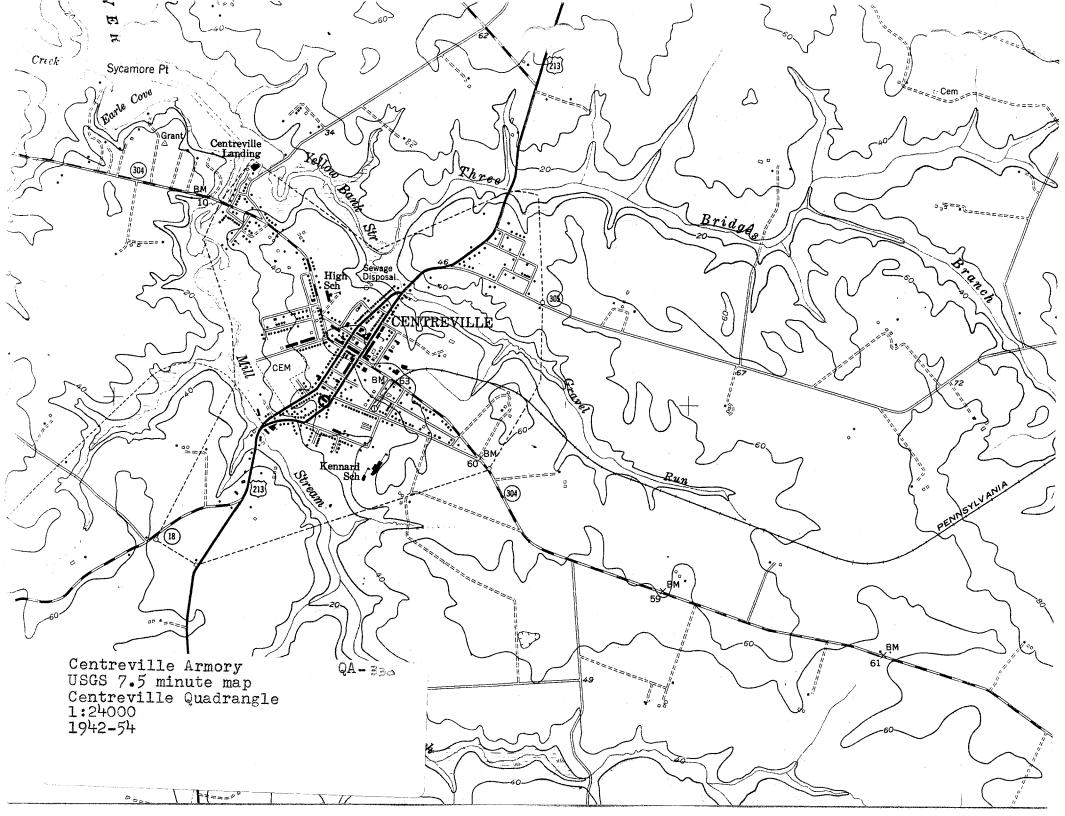
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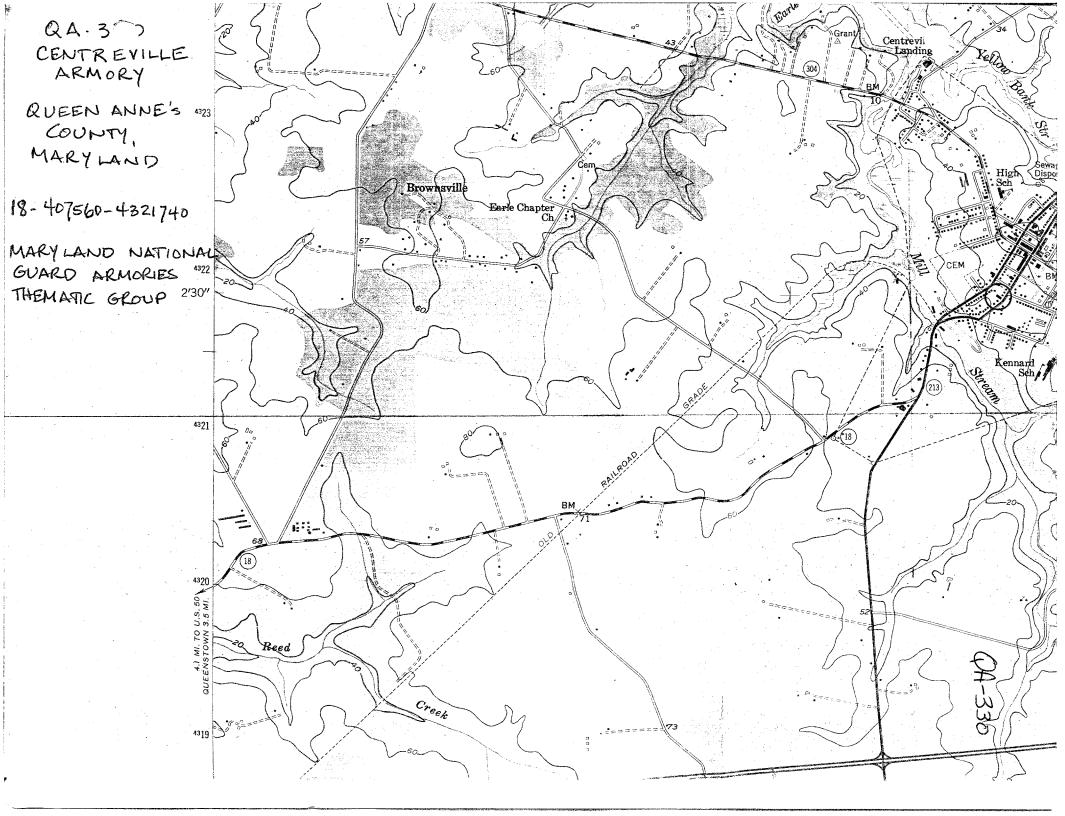


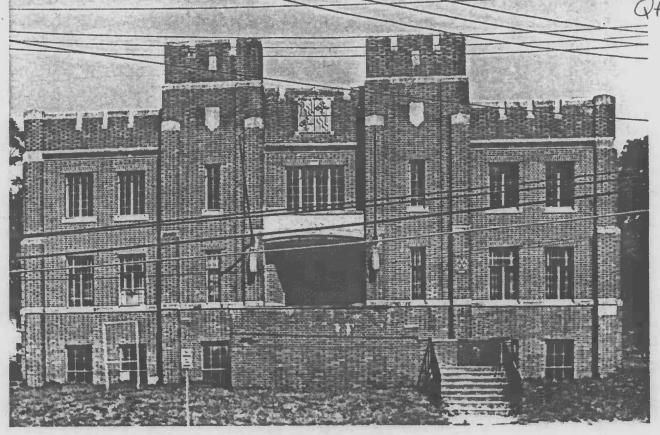
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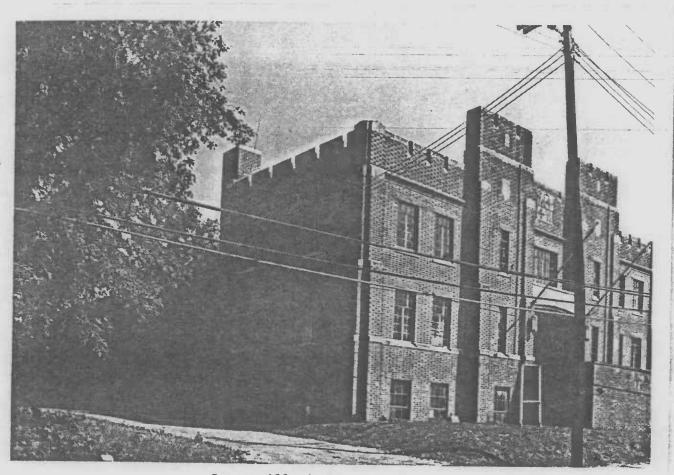
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